



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE
Sunday, July 17th, 2022
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 am Worship Service
Experience God. Grow Disciples. Transform Lives.

Welcome to worship at First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette! We're so glad you're here. Whether you're a long-time member or first-time visitor, we are blessed to have you with us. We hope joining us for worship today will nurture your heart and transform your mind. You are loved and never alone!

Our mission statement here is **“Experience God. Grow Disciples. Transform Lives.”** As a church, we strive to be about that simple and challenging work day after day, in season and out of season. The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically altered our lives, but it has also revealed what is most important. As we lean into what the weeks and months ahead will be like, we will continue to pray for one another. We will keep growing as followers of Christ. We will keep loving and listening to our neighbors. We will keep the hand to plow, working to embody God's dream for the world. We will keep reminding ourselves that we are a work in progress.

As we continue both in-person and livestreamed services, we are committed to keeping everyone safe and finding fresh and creative ways to worship together. We value your feedback – let us know what is going well and what could be better!

- A worship bulletin will be available (hardcopy in person or pdf online)
- Please join in the liturgy and prayers and passing of the peace, as directed
- The offering plate will be available to place a cash or check gift in before or after the service
- Join us after worship in the Fellowship Garden for Lemonade on the Lawn

We're so glad to be worshipping with you in person and online! You are loved and never alone, friends.

With gratitude in Christ,

Pastors Jeff Lehn and Laura Sherwood

Spiritual Practice: Sacred Breath

As a way of entering your time of prayer, take time to get in touch with your breathing. Don't try to change the rhythm of your breath; simply notice your natural, rhythmic rise and fall. Imagine as you breath in that God breathes life into you. As you breath out, imagine releasing all of the distractions and worries that keep you from being fully present in prayer. See if you can just set them aside for a time. Simply spending time with your breath as a way of deepening your awareness of the God who sustains you moment by moment is enough. Take time to become aware of your breathing, and allow your heart to fill with gratitude for this most basic gift of life.

Drawn from Christine Valters Paintner,

Water, Wind, Earth & Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements, p. 22.

Order of Worship
Sunday, July 17th, 2022
10:00 am Sanctuary

**Indicates please stand, rise in body and spirit as you are able.*

Worship Leaders

Rev. Laura Sherwood, preaching
Karen Page, liturgist
Peggy Massello, Music director
Linnea Jacobs and Carol Moss, vocalists

PRELUDE - Prelude on LOBE DEN HERREN

Johann Walther

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

The Acolyte brings in the light to remind us that we have gathered in the light of Christ.

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

To the triune God be praise in all times and places!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 35** - *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer...(silence is kept)

Now, let us pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With the sound of water pouring into the baptismal font, we remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. The only thing that can separate us is the thought that we are separate. Rejoice in forgiveness. Rejoice in empowerment. Rejoice in new creation.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - Hymn No. 464, *Our Father, Which Art in Heaven*

Refrain: **Hallowed-a be Thy name.** (please sing part marked “all”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord’s Prayer)

(Aramaic translation by Neil Douglas-Klotz in his book, *Prayers of the Cosmos*)

“O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos, focus your light within us—make it useful. Create your reign of unity now. Your one desire then acts with ours, as in all light, so in all forms. Grant what we need each day in bread and insight. Loose the cords of mistakes binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others’ guilt. Don’t let surface things delude us, but free us from what holds us back. From you is born all ruling will, the power and the life to do, the song that beautifies all, from age to age it renews. Truly - power to these statements - may they be the ground from which all my actions grow. **Amen.**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON - “The Lord’s Prayer: Week 5”

Rev. Laura Sherwood

*Give us this day, our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

HYMN OF REFLECTION NO. 444 - *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* (seated)

DETROIT

HEARING THE LORD’S PRAYER IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM - *One Voice*

Ruth Moody

CALL FOR OFFERING

As we gather our gifts and offer them to God, may we do so in gratitude and praise.
*We invite you to give via our church website www.fpcw.org, our smartphone app, or by sending a check to the church office.
An offering plate is also available in the Narthex on the Usber Table.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - THE DOXOLOGY (OLD HUNDREDTH)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

God of the old and the young, the straight-laced and the unrefined, the zealous and the wary, take this offering of our lives and resources and make of it a new possibility. Change hearts and lives with it. Mend relationships by it. Reconnect us to your love and to one another through it. Show us the life that really is life. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN NO. 435** - *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

***FOLLOWING THE LIGHT**

The Acolyte carries the light as we go out, to remind us that we both follow and carry Christ's Light into the World.

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God bless you, keep you, be gracious to you.

Liturgist: May God give you grace to never sell yourself – or God – short.

Congregation: Grace to risk something big for something good.

Liturgist: Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth,

Congregation: And too small for anything but love.

Liturgist: So may God take your mind and think through it.

Congregation: May God take our lips and speak through them.

May God take our hands and do good with them.

Liturgist: May God take our hearts and set them on fire.

Pastor: And may the grace of God, the love of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit go with you, this day and in all the days to come. Amen.

POSTLUDE - Postlude on IN BABILONE

arr. Benjamin M. Culli

**Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Garden for
Lemonade on the Lawn.**

Sources

Call to Worship - Worship Sourcebook, Call to Worship #26

Call to Confession - from Rev. Beth Merrill Neel, holdfasttowhatisgood.com

Prayer of Confession - Prayer of Confession # 49 from The Book of Common Worship - PC(USA), 1993

Assurance of Forgiveness and Prayer of Dedication - written by Rev. Jeff Lehn

Prayer for Illumination - Worship Sourcebook, Prayer for Illumination #12

Benediction/Blessing (adapted slightly) - Written by Rev. Kathi McShane, adapted from William Sloane Coffin



Our Common Life Week of July 17th, 2022

What's Happening at First Pres Wilmette

Sunday, July 24th – Join Pastor Jeff for worship and lunch at New Life Baptist Church!

Pastor Jeff will be the guest preacher! You may recall Rev. Dr. Robert House, Sr. Co-Pastor at New Life Baptist Church was our guest preacher on Sunday, June 12th. It was a wonderful Sunday which included an all-church luncheon and much to celebrate. Since we began this association with New Life Baptist Church, both Pastor Jeff and Rev. Dr. House have preached for each other's congregations. This is a unique and wonderful association with our congregation and with New Life Baptist Church.

If you would like to attend the service on Sunday, July 24th at New Baptist Church there will be an opportunity to carpool into the city. For more information regarding carpooling email Mary Watt (mhw1117@gmail.com)
Learn more about New Life Baptist Church at <https://www.newlife-baptist.org/>.

Church Dinner For All - Wednesday, July 20th and 27th Fellowship Garden

July 20th - Tacos **July 27th** - All Church BBQ (please bring a side dish to share, if able) RSVP appreciated for planning but not required. Sign-up Genius link will be posted on our website and in the Daily Bread.

Midsummer Meetup - Wednesdays July 13, 20 and 25 at 5 pm

Wednesdays, will be busy at First Pres, including special opportunities for you and your 5th - 8th graders!

5 pm - Midsummer Meetup – Fellowship Garden – ages 3-4th grade. (5th – 8th attend as participants or helpers)
Parent Fellowship – Church Lounge – (childcare for under 3 years provided)

6 pm - All-Church dinner (provided) – Fellowship Garden
5th - 8th Bonfire – Manse Backyard

Rising 5th-8th graders are invited to be helpers (or participants) at Midsummer Meetup at 5pm, which includes crafts, games, music, and more, with Lindley Traynor, Peggy Massello, and Scott McElhenie. We'll meet in the Fellowship Garden, with Wallace Moore Fellowship Center as our rain option. We'd love to have you join us!

Also, at 5 pm, all parents are invited to come together for their own time of fellowship, hosted by Pastor Laura in the lounge. We hope this will be just the beginning of creating ongoing, regular opportunities for parent fellowship and possible discussion forums as the year goes on.

At 6 pm, join us for a church family dinner, and bonfire just for the 5th-8th graders! Parents can eat and continue to chat on the lawn and in the parking lot, as the 5th-8th graders grab a plate and share dinner and s'mores around the fire with Pastor Laura and Scott McElhenie in the Manse Backyard. We'll wrap up just before 7 pm, in time for the Tower Senior High Youth to begin their bonfire time.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has received and carefully reviewed well over fifty resumes for our open Associate Pastor position. While we are expecting many more, we are also interested in direct referrals from our church family. If you know of a clergy member with between two and five years of experience in the role of an Associate Pastor and you believe they would be a good fit for FPCW, please let a Committee member know. Contact: Bill Bishop, Irris Boaz, Bob Hariman, Anthony Haro, Amy Lyon, Sharon Panzica, Mary Watt, Jane Western, or Marny Zimmer. If you prefer email, please send your referral to fpcw.apnc@gmail.com.

Beach Services Gillson Park (Picnic Area #1)

*Join us Sundays through August 28, at 8 am in Gillson Park for a casual communion service amidst God's beautiful creation in nature. Bring a lawn chair; strollers and coffee mugs are welcome! In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Chapel.

*July 3, August 7, September 4 - one service at 10 am in the Fellowship Garden.

Calendar for the week of July 17th, 2022

Sunday, July 17th

8:00 am	Beach Service	Gillson Park (picnic area #1)
9:55 am	Livestream Worship	YouTube
10:00 am	In-person Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Lemonade on the Lawn	Fellowship Garden
2:00 pm	Opera Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Monday, July 18th

Tuesday, July 19th

10:00 am	Staff meeting	Lounge
7:00 pm	Opera Rehearsal	Chapel

Wednesday, July 20th

5:00 pm	Midsummer Meetup	Fellowship Garden
	Parent Fellowship	Lounge
6:00 pm	Church Family Dinner	Fellowship Garden
	5th - 8th graders bonfire	Manse backyard
7:00 pm	Tower Senior High Youth bonfire	Manse backyard
	Opera Rehearsal	Chapel

Thursday, July 21st

10:00 am	Bible Study (Lounge)	In-person/Zoom
1:00 pm	Guitars@Gillson	Music Room
7:00 pm	Men's Hour	Lounge
	APNC* (Upper Room)	In-person/Zoom
	Opera Rehearsals	Chapel

Friday, July 22nd

Saturday, July 23rd

10:30 am	Memorial Service for Jack McAllister	Sanctuary
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(If you wish to attend the worship service at New Life Baptist Church on July 24th and you would like to carpool into the city please contact Mary Watt (mhw1117@gmail.com).

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WMFC=Wallace Moore Fellowship Center
APNC = Associate Pastor
Nominating (search)
Committee



Small group offerings

All are invited.

Small Group Ministry 2022 Summer Schedule (* indicates group is meeting over the summer)

Slowing Time for Women

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7 pm. New joiners always welcome! Our last formal meeting is June 18th. Anyone interested in joining should contact Pastor Laura (lsherwood@fpcw.org) Plans are underway for summer fellowship for this group.

***Lunch Group for Women**

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at noon. Each month a member takes the responsibility to lead the discussion. Nancy Freeman coordinates njwfreeman@gmail.com. Their last summer gathering will be July 13th in the fellowship garden. Plans for the fall topics will be determined at that gathering.

***Book Group**

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm, in the Upper Room, hosted by Carol Korak. carolkorak@gmail.com. Members take turns leading a book discussion. They will be meeting every month this summer.

***Men's Hour**

Meets Thursdays at 7 pm. Men's Hour consists of a brief group reading, a silent 5-minute meditation, and an opportunity for each attendee to share thoughts and experiences in turn. No homework or reservations required, and drop-ins are always welcome! Paul Traynor at paultraynor@haymoon.com. Meets throughout the summer.

Men's Council

Meets every Saturday mornings (8-9:30 am) in the Wallace Moore Fellowship Center. Members take turns cooking breakfast and providing a presentation. Questions? Contact Steve Reinhart steve.reinhart@gmail.com. Men's Council will not meet during the summer but will return to regular meetings in September.

***Bible Study**

Meets on Thursdays at 10 am in the Lounge. How does the Bible inform our daily lives? This class is led by Pastor Jeff.

Adult Faith formation

Meets on Sunday morning at 8:30-9:30 am in the Upper Room. This class will take a break over the summer.

***Pres Homes Women**

1st Thursday of the month at 10 am, in-person and via phone conference. Pastor Laura (lsherwood@fpcw.org) provides the link and the discussion includes a Bible Study guide. Anne Menard (amendard4347@yahoo.com) coordinates this group. Summer gatherings, **July 7 and August 4 are for fellowship, please join us!**

Loop Group

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at noon on Zoom. The "Loop Group" meets for fellowship, connection and prayer. We know many of us are stressed at work and could use a small group to be supported and encouraged by. You can work from anywhere to join this group. This group will take a summer break.

***Senior Supper**

Senior Supper is coming back!! **The first gathering will be Tuesday, July 12, 5:30 pm at Ridgeview Grill** in Wilmette. Bonnie Wehrenberg is taking the helm to coordinate events. If you are an over 65 member and want to get to know others more casually, please join us! Interested? Contact Bonnie bwherbie007@att.net.

Parents of High School Youth (POHSY)

Raising teenagers is always a challenge, and as our youth gather together to navigate their lives as Christians, their parents are also joining together to lend support to one another. If you want to learn more, reach out to Iris Boaz at iboaz@ameritech.net.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For the joy of in-person and livestreaming worship which brings us all together in one place,
- For the Ukraine and war-torn lands,
- For peace and healing in light of the mass shootings in our country,
- For those who are grieving, the McAllister family, and the Lyman family as they mourn the recent death of Jim's father, Robert Lyman,
- For our homebound members,
- For those who suffer from depression, anxiety or addictions, and for those who walk alongside them.

A visitation for Jack McAllister is scheduled for **Friday, July 22nd, 4 - 7 pm** at Olsen Funeral Home, 6467 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago, IL

The memorial for Jack has been scheduled for **Saturday, July 23rd, 10:30 am** in our sanctuary. The family requests everyone wear colorful and celebratory clothing (no black please).

SUMMER WORSHIP FULL SCHEDULE

June 19 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

June 26 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

July 3 - 10am Fellowship Garden

July 10 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

July 17 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

July 24 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

July 31 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

Aug. 7 - 10am Fellowship Garden Youth Sunday

Aug. 14 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

Aug. 21 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

Aug. 28 - 8am Gillson Park, 10am Sanctuary

Sept. 4 - 10am Fellowship Garden

SEPTEMBER 11TH - FIRST FESTIVAL

10AM - WORSHIP, BAND,

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

11AM - LUNCH, GAMES

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9 am-5 pm (Monday-Thursday)

9 am-1:00 pm (Friday)



INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we are a vibrant and supportive Christian family whose welcoming spirit reflects God's love for all people. We invite participation in all aspects of our church life by persons of every race, language, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, economic or marital status, or faith background.



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